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CONGRESSMAN TAYLOR RECEIVES GAVEL FOR WORK IN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Congressman Edward T. Taylor, of Colorado, today (June 30) was presented with a gavel by personnel of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, in recognition of his "keen interest in matters pertaining to the restoration and perpetuation of wildlife."

The presentation was made by Acting Director W. C. Henderson, of the Fish and Wildlife Service, in the Interior Department Museum in Washington, D. C., following ceremonies held by the Grazing Service in celebration of the anniversary of the passage of the Taylor Grazing Act.

In making the presentation, Mr. Henderson stated that "though he is best known by the public as co-author of the Taylor Grazing Act, Congressman Taylor is also well-known in other phases of the conservation program. He has always shown a keen interest in the perpetuation of the Nation's fish and wildlife resources, and has been a key figure in the pioneering work that brought the conservation movement to the strong position it holds in the public mind today."

The gavel and striking block is made of hard maple from Pennsylvania. Two buffalo heads are carved on the sides of the gavel. The buffalo is on the official seal of the Department of the Interior.

On each side of the striking block is carved a typical wildlife scene. One panel shows a salmon leaping out of water; the second, a bighorn sheep standing on a mountainside; the third, three seals on the Pribilof Islands, Alaska; and the fourth, a pair of mallard ducks in flight over a body of water. The mallard duck panel was fashioned after the drawing of the first of the annual migratory waterfowl hunting stamps, which must be purchased by all migratory waterfowl hunters over 16 years old.

Inscribed on the base of the striking block are: "United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service 1941."

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